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To: Sheryl Todd	From: Kristie Lyngstad
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Re: USAC Board Nominations	Office Phone: 605-263-3301

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The following are nominations to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") Board. These nominations were faxed to Honorable Reed E. Hundt and Secretary William F. Caton.

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Kristie Lyngstad

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Reed Hundt, Chairman
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RE: CC: Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, DA 97-1561

Dear Commissioner Hundt:

NYSERNet, Inc., a not-for-profit 501 (c)3 network research organization, on behalf of itself, our affiliated company, AppliedTheory Communications, and our member institutions, believes we can play a significant role as a member of the Board of Directors for the Schools and Libraries Corporation. Our organization offers a unique and important perspective on the implementation and use of Internet technologies in the educational community. From its creation in 1984, NYSERNet has played the leadership role in designing and building Internet capabilities for New York State's higher education community. This experience has also been translated into a number of important activities in support of k-12 schools and libraries during the past decade to ensure their ability to use this important technology.

As a not-for-profit 501 (c)3 company, one of our stated objectives is to act as an expert information resource for schools, libraries and museums on networking. NYSERNet has been an active participant in the New York State Public Service Commission's School and Library Committee and has been invited to participate on the New York State Education Department's Technology Implementation Committee. We currently maintain an online resource <http://nysernet.org/TIPS> to provide information on a range of technology related issues impacting schools and libraries including the Universal Service Fund.

Prior to creating a separate for profit affiliate, AppliedTheory Communications, NYSERNet built and operated a substantial IP network throughout New York State. In fact this was the first regional network in the country when originally established in 1987. As part of our efforts to serve the educational community in the development years of the Internet, NYSERNet established points of presence in a number of smaller cities in upstate New York. By pushing the network into these areas we enabled connectivity to the network by schools and libraries in areas which would not otherwise have been served. NYSERNet has also undertaken grant programs to schools across the state and worked closely with k-12 schools and various Boards of Cooperative Educational Centers to develop training programs for faculty.

We continue to work with k-12 and libraries to identify and test new solutions for bringing affordable network solutions to the classroom. For example, NYSERNet has recently been awarded a National Science Foundation grant for a trial program which will allow schools in the Rochester, New York area to connect to the Internet using wireless technology.

Currently, AppliedTheory Communications operates and maintains a statewide IP network. This network provides service not only to a significant portion of New York State's higher education institutions but a large number of k-12 schools and libraries as well. AppliedTheory

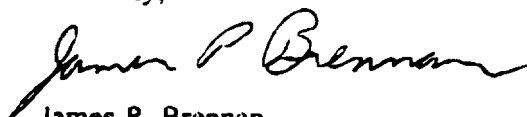
take significant pride in its ability to provide an IP network service designed and built for research and university users, to k-12 schools and libraries across New York State.

Clearly the momentum to bring the benefits of technology to the educational community has increased significantly at both the state and national level. The implementation of the Universal Service Fund for Schools and Libraries will have a dramatic impact on this process. NYSENet, we believe, is uniquely positioned to assist the Commission in this effort. We bring to the School and Library Corporation over a decade's experience in connecting educational institutions to the Internet. Our Board of Directors is comprised primarily of representatives from colleges and universities from across New York State. We also bring an in-depth understanding of the requirements and challenges of Internet Service Providers based on our experience as an ISP and that of our affiliated company.

NYSENet's participation on the School and Libraries Board brings with it a substantial community interested in the successful implementation of the Universal Services Fund. This community includes our twenty two member institutions (attachment A) from higher education institutions, New York State government and research institutions. We can also draw upon our affiliated company for its insights and counsel regarding the impact of the program upon service providers. Finally, through our ongoing involvement with New York State's efforts to implement its program, we are working closely with a diverse group of organizations from the education, library, government and commercial sectors to make this program a success at the State level as well.

I hope that the information provided above conveys to you the importance which NYSENet places on the successful implementation of technology in our education system and our commitment to this process. We believe that NYSENet can play a significant and beneficial role on the School and Library Corporation's Board of Directors and hope that you agree. I look forward to hearing from you regarding our request to participate and am available to answer any questions you may have at your convenience.

Sincerely,



James P. Brennan
Associate Director
Government Services
NYSENet, Inc.
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Attachment

cc: Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission

Commissioner Hundt

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**Attachment A
NYSERNet, Inc.
Board of Director Institutions**

- Alfred University
- Brookhaven National Laboratory
- City University of New York
- Clarkson University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Eastman Kodak
- Hofstra University
- Marist College
- New York Public Library
- New York University
- NYNEX Science & Technology, Inc.
- Polytechnic University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- The Rockefeller University
- State University of New York at Albany
- State University of New York at Binghamton
- State University of New York at Buffalo
- State University of New York at Stony Brook
- Syracuse University
- University of Rochester

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

By this letter, the Alliance for Public Technology ("APT") nominates **Dr. Barbara A. O'Connor** for the Universal Service Administrative Company. Dr. O'Connor has a long and impressive history of public service in the communications arena, and could represent schools or consumer advocates equally well.

As Professor of Communications and Director of the Institute for the Study of Politics and Media at California State University, Sacramento, her "home base" is in the academic arena. However, that is just part of her background and experience related to communications media and the impact on citizens, institutions and the democratic process.

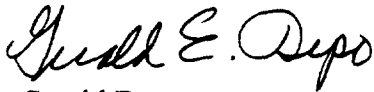
Dr. O'Connor is the founding chair of APT, a non-profit organization working for equitable and affordable access to communications technologies for all. Through her able leadership of our organization since 1989, she has gained valuable insight into the needs of ordinary consumers and the potential of various communications media to benefit society. APT's membership is rich with community-based organizations whose constituencies are often unevenly served.

As a member of numerous advisory committees for government and industry, Dr. O'Connor's perspective is not limited to the ivory tower of academia, but includes the ground level view of communications. She serves with distinction as a member of the Federal Communications Commission's Network Reliability Council, Bellcore's Advisory Board, Pacific Telesis' Consumer Advisory Panel and for the past nine years has chaired the California State Education Technology Committee. She has also chaired the Pacific Bell Intelligent Network Task Force and participated on the California Public Broadcasting Commission and the Ohio State Infrastructure Task Force.

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Dr. O'Connor's dedicated community service provides the third dimension of the public interest perspective, giving her a unique understanding of the necessity of balancing the requirements of the marketplace with the obligations of industry to the public that it serves. Her belief in and understanding of the role of public policy to bridge the gaps of the marketplace, along with her academic expertise and industry experience, make her well qualified to serve on the USAC Board of Directors.

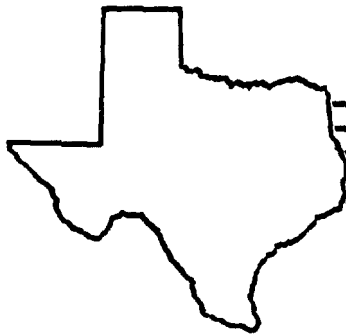
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald E. Depo".

Gerald Depo
President

Enclosure

cc: W. E. Kennard, General Counsel
William F. Caton, Secretary



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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21 — Nomination for Universal Service
Administrative Company Board — Low-Income Consumer Representative

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am the Executive Director of the Texas Legal Services Center, a not-for-profit organization representing low-income persons in the state of Texas. I am writing to nominate B. Robert Piller as a candidate for appointment to be one of the directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") representing low-income consumers.

As the enclosed biography shows, Bob Piller is Executive Director of the Public Utility Law Project of New York, Inc. ("PULP"), a not-for-profit organization representing the interests of low-income consumers in telecommunications, energy and utility matters. He recently served in an advisory capacity to the Federal - State Universal Service Joint Board on a committee concerned with rural health care, and participates on a New York Diffusion Fund committee, helping to develop and implement advanced telecommunications projects in disadvantaged areas.

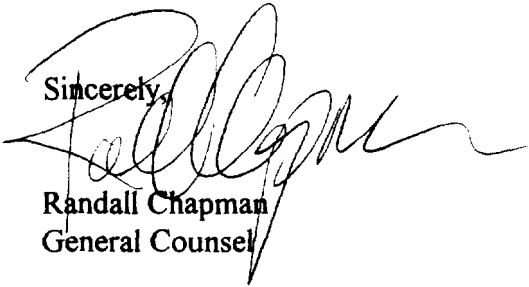
Bob Piller is a highly talented advocate for low-income customers and is a skilled negotiator. As a result of his work and leadership, New York has implemented major improvements in its telephone Lifeline and Linkup programs -- including the automated enrollment of customers eligible for Lifeline. Also, Bob has worked to improve telephone fair practices rules, and billing and collection rules. He is quite familiar with the administrative challenges of integrating Lifeline programs in the new competitive multi-provider structure. In Texas, we have worked with PUC staff to review his recommendations on universal service. Recently drafted PUC regulations reflect his expertise and assistance in this area.

Hon. Reed E. Hundt
August 12, 1997
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In sum, Bob Piller has a record of major accomplishments in striving for telecommunications services for low-income persons. He is widely respected across the country for his dedication and the accomplishments of PULP under his leadership. Accordingly, I urge that you appoint him to be a director of the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Randall Chapman
General Counsel

Encl. Biography

cc: William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

**B. Robert Piller - Biography
for Nomination to be a Director of the
Universal Service Administrative Company**

B. Robert Piller has served as Director and General Counsel of the Public Utility Law Project of New York, Inc. (PULP) since 1978. PULP is nationally recognized as a spirited and effective advocate for low-income consumers in the courts, regulatory agencies, and the state legislature. PULP was an active contributor in numerous cases concerning the introduction of performance regulation and competition for the telecommunications industry in New York. In the course of that effort, Mr. Piller served as a member of the "Governor's Telecommunications Exchange" and its Regulatory Options Task Force. Since then Mr. Piller worked to implement a PULP initiative which utilizes a computerized list exchange process to enroll participants in the Telephone Lifeline discount rate program for low-income customers. As of July 1, 1997, this unique effort enabled New York Telephone to enroll nearly 3/4 of a million eligible low-income households in the Lifeline rate assistance program. Currently Mr. Piller serves as Vice-Chair of a "Diffusion Fund" Committee, established by the NYNEX Performance Based Ratemaking Agreement, and he is developing initiatives to bring the benefits of advanced telecommunications to economically disadvantaged communities. PULP is currently emphasizing the introduction of advanced telecommunications in the homes of low-income K-12 students and at low-income senior citizen residential homes. Also, PULP is actively engaged in the debate about the introduction of competition in the electric utility industry, with particular emphasis on affordable service and consumer protections for low-income households.

Previously Mr. Piller worked with the Harlem Office of the Legal Aid Society's Civil Division and with MFY Legal Services in New York City's Lower East Side. A graduate of Brooklyn College and Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Piller has taught law school courses on Regulated Industries and Administrative Law.

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Dear Commissioner Hundt,

It is a pleasure to recommend for appointment to the Universal Service Administrative Company Annie Busch, Springfield-Greene County Library Director. The pleasure derives from proposing a candidate with both library and telecommunications experience; Ms. Busch is doubly qualified.

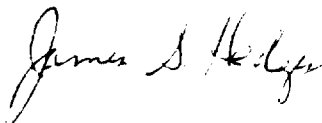
As the owner and manager of the first company in Missouri to offer local service in competition with Southwestern Bell Telephone, I have had many dealings with many governmental officials involved in telecommunications. It is rare to find one who understands the ramifications of both federal and state laws in this field. Ms. Busch is that rare person. Her service on a special task force appointed by Missouri's governor to assist in the state's development of new policies afforded her a unique opportunity to obtain an understanding of the telecommunications industry in this important transitional time.

She also has an excellent record of accomplishment in library management and community service. For instance, next year she will become the first woman to serve as the president of the Springfield Rotary Club.

But more than qualifications derived from her work and community experiences, Ms. Busch has common sense and a willingness to tackle tough assignments.

She will be a credit to her profession and the country on this important board.

Sincerely,



James S. Hedges, President

Ohio Community Computing Center Network

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Ohio Community Computing Center Network (OCCCN) nominates Ellis Jacobs of the Legal Aid Society of Dayton, Ohio to the Universal Service Administrative Company as a director representing the interests of low-income consumers.

As the chairman of the OCCCN, as well as one of its founding members, Mr. Jacobs has shown himself to be a diligent leader, activist, and eloquent spokesperson both in Ohio and nationally in promoting the public interest as computers and telecommunications technologies are advanced. Mr. Jacobs' contributions in this realm are having very practical effects -- his work is directly resulting in the opening of 14 community computing centers around Ohio. Each center focuses on narrowing the gap between technology haves and have-nots.

Mr. Jacobs' work has centered on ensuring equal access to computers and telecommunications technologies for people with low-incomes. As the attorney representing the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition, Mr. Jacobs was a key negotiator in crafting a settlement between Ameritech Ohio and consumer groups in 1994 as Ameritech went before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in an alternative rate regulation case. His innovative approach in seeking funding for community computing resulted in a number of public interest commitments by Ameritech, including \$2.2 million to open 14 community computing centers in low-income neighborhoods around the state. This was the first time in the United States that a case before a public utilities commission resulted in funding of community computing in low-income neighborhoods.

It was following these negotiations between Ameritech and the consumer groups that the OCCCN was formed in order to oversee the process of establishing the 14 centers, and Mr. Jacobs has served as board chairman of the OCCCN since its inception. The results of Mr. Jacobs' work with OCCCN, Ameritech and the PUCO are impressive. To date, 11 of the 14 community computing centers have opened and the remaining three are expected to open this fall. These centers are located libraries, community centers, churches, schools and social service agencies.

Ohio Community Computing Center Network

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Thousands of people who otherwise would not have access to technology have been served in these programs since the first center opened in January 1996. Mr. Jacobs' extensive experience in promoting the public interest as it relates to technology access, as well as the practical effects of his work, make him an excellent candidate to represent the interests of low-income consumers. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Cary Williams
Coordinator

cc: FCC Office of the Secretary

ELLIS JACOBS
Legal Aid Society of Dayton
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Dayton, Ohio 45402
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Fax: (937) 449-8131

BAR ADMISSIONS: Admitted to Ohio and Federal Bars, November 1981

PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS: Dayton Bar Association
American Bar Association

EDUCATION: University of Dayton School of Law - Dayton, Ohio
J.D. Degree, June 1981
Capital University, UWW - Columbus, Ohio
B.A. 1978

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE: LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF DAYTON, INC.
Dayton, Ohio
Litigation Director/Chief Counsel/Attorney
(May 1987 - present)
Supervise all attorneys on staff. Counsel and co-counsel cases
which present difficult or novel issues. Focus on
telecommunication and environmental cases.

CITY OF DAYTON
Dayton, Ohio
Civil Referee
(September 1985 - May 1987)
Presided over the city's landlord/tenant court, heard a variety of
other cases referred by municipal judges.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE
Dayton, Ohio
Senior Appellate Attorney
(November 1983 - September 1985)
Appeals, habeas corpus, supervision of law student interns.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE
Dayton, Ohio
Trial Attorney
(November 1981 - November 1983)
Representation of indigent criminal defendants: felonies and misdemeanors; jury and court trials.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR HOUSING CENTER
Dayton, Ohio
Attorney/ Law Clerk
(May 1981 - November 1981)
Civil rights litigation, landlord/tenant law.

RELEVANT
EXPERIENCE:

TELEPHONE AND TECHNOLOGY ACCESS PROJECT
Director
(January 1995 - Present)
Provides public interest advocacy for the low income community on telecommunications issues.

OHIO COMMUNITY COMPUTING CENTER NETWORK
Chair
(January 1995 - Present)
As mandated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), administers funding for and provides support to computer centers in low income communities, including 14 centers funded as the result of a settlement in the Ameritech Alternative Regulation case.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
Chair
(May 1996 - Present)
As mandated by the PUCO, oversees the implementation of the low income lifeline program in the Ameritech-Ohio service territory.

THE DAYTON TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROUNDTABLE
Chair

(May 1996 - Present)

The Roundtable brings together representatives of schools, libraries, local government, and social service agencies to analyze the changing telecommunications environment and strategize about how to capture the benefits for the Dayton area.

EDGEMONT NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

Counsel

(February 1993 - Present)

Edgemont is an organization in a low income African-American community in Dayton, Ohio. Intervened and actively participated on their behalf in a wide range of telecommunication cases and dockets including:

- The Federal Communication Commission and Joint Board Universal Service proceedings.
- The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) local competition guidelines docket.
- The PUCO minimum telephone service standards docket.
- The PUCO disconnection rule docket.
- Ameritech-Ohio Alternative Regulation case.
- Local telephone certification proceedings for fifteen new entrant companies in Ohio.

SELECTED
PUBLICATIONS:

Ellis Jacobs, "Expanding Low-Income Communities' Access to Telecommunications Technology", Clearinghouse Review, Vol. 29, Number 3, July 1995.

SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS:

"Public Education and the 1996 Telecommunications Act", Greater Miami Valley Educational Technology Council, Dayton, Ohio, April, 1997.

“Advancing the Public Interest before State Utility Commissions”, Community Technology Centers’ Network, Boston, Massachusetts, June, 1996.

“Lessons from the World of Telecommunications”, National Consumer Law Center, Washington, D.C., February, 1996.

“Networking and Collaborating to Level the Playing Field”, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Columbus, Ohio, January, 1996.

“National and Local Telecommunications Agendas: Advancing the Public Interest in a Changing Environment”, Center for Neighborhood Technology, Chicago, Illinois, November, 1995.

“Low Income Telecommunications Advocacy”, Utility Law Training, Committee on Regional Training, Columbus, Ohio, October, 1994.



Community Technology Centers' Network

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Cary Williams, Coordinator
Ohio Community Computing Center Network (OCCCN)
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Columbus, Ohio 43202

Dear Cary,

We are very excited to learn of the OCCCN nomination of Ellis Jacobs to be on the FCC's Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company, and we want to offer our support and encouragement for his appointment.

Ellis's work in telecommunications policy on behalf of the public interest and low income communities has been truly extraordinary. Not only has his leadership been instrumental in fashioning the Ameritech settlement which lead to the establishment of the OCCCN — he has clearly played a major role for all of CTCNet and our nearly 250 low-income agency affiliates across the country in bringing home the message about the importance of telecommunications policy in general and universal service in particular. As a lawyer trained and comfortable with the legalities involved and the sphere of discourse in which they are usually addressed, he has been able to articulate the needs of those ordinarily disenfranchised from the benefits of new technology. As an eloquent public speaker and writer, he has been able to translate what is happening in the public policy arenas so that the issues can best most clearly seen by broader, general public and low-income communities. His presentations before CTCNet conferences and in our publications gives clear indications of his talents and abilities in this regard.

We believe Ellis's appointment will give a serious voice to those ordinarily not consulted, we look forward to helping spread word of his involvement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Miller', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Peter Miller
Network Director



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Attn: Nominations for Universal Service Administrative Company - Schools & Libraries Corporation

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Dear Chairman:

As State Librarian of Arizona, representing all types of libraries and a wide range of cultural institutions, I thank you for your call for nominations.

For the Universal Service Administrative Company Schools and Libraries Corporation Board of Directors;

I nominate Melinda Sisson
Pinal County Library District
92 West Butte Avenue
P.O. Box 2974
Florence, Arizona 85232

This individual has my complete confidence and the confidence of colleagues statewide. She would be an asset to the respective efforts because she brings considerable knowledge and expertise to the tasks at hand. Her resume is attached.

I would be happy to supply additional information or discuss this nomination in person (602) 542-4035.

Sincerely,

GladysAnn Wells, Director

c/e: Melinda Sisson

MELINDA R. SISSON

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

To secure a challenging leadership position in a culturally rich and diverse community with demonstrated support for libraries.

EDUCATION

Master of Library Science Degree awarded in 1983
Kent State University - Kent, Ohio

Major areas of specialization include Administration and management of public libraries; Acquisition of library materials; Reference services and a working knowledge of online and electronic reference sources.

Awarded the Rose Vormelker Scholarship for Special Librarianship and the August Alpers Award for Academic Excellence.
Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. A. Robert Rogers, Dean and Dr. Mary K. Biagini, Associate Professor.
Awarded the Ohio Educational Library/Media Association Scholarship.

Bachelor of Science Degree awarded in 1979
Bowling Green State University - Bowling Green, Ohio

Major areas of specialization include Elementary Education and Educational Media.
Awarded College of Education Alumni Scholarship and named to Dean's List.

Certificates

Arizona County Librarian Certificate - November 1993, Arizona Community College - Regular A.1.a. Teaching Certificate - July 1989.
Valid for life. Alaska Teaching Certificate - Type A Regular - K-8 Elementary,
Elementary/Media, Educational Media - October 1987.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pinal County Library District - Director - 1993 to Present. Responsible for planning, organizing and directing library operations for thirteen public libraries and a district office. Demonstrated success in the administration of state and federal grants. Develops and administers annual budget of \$400,000. Provides consultant and field assistance services to affiliate libraries. Direct supervision for two professional librarians and two library technicians. District Library services include centralized technical services, acquisitions, interlibrary loan, reference and the implementation and management of electronic resources including the library CD-ROM catalog, online and other CD-ROM reference databases, access to the Internet, World Wide Web, and E-mail. Recently awarded contract for Online Library System. County-wide area network scheduled for installation Fall 1997. Training in all aspects of library operations are offered through the District Library. Active in numerous state-wide organizations and committees. Serves on the Economic Development Library Committee, Arizona Library Public Awareness Committee, Central Arizona Library Cooperative Board, Arizona Library Association Executive Board, Arizona Association of County Librarians, Pinal County Scholarship Committee and the Pinal County Development Board.

- Increased Library District budget for affiliate libraries by 30%.
- Secured over \$350,000 in grant funds for collection development and new technology.
- Established cataloging/processing of library materials through outsourcing program.
- Initiated Internet and electronic resources access district-wide.
- Issued online library system RFP, currently under negotiation.

Chandler Public Library - Public/Adult Services Manager - 1989 - 1993. Supervised adult services including reference, business resource center, adult literacy, and purchasing operations. Participated in budget and policy decisions. Responsible for a materials budget of \$350,000. Reviewed bibliographic material for book/AV selection and collection development. Proficient in the use of SIRSI, DRA, CLSI, and CARL online library systems and numerous CD-ROM indexes. Prior supervisory responsibilities included Circulation 1989-1993 and Acquisitions 1989-1991. Proficient in the use of Corel WordPerfect Office Suite 6.1, Novell Groupwise. Directly supervised six professional staff and 15 paraprofessional staff. Acting Manager during Library Manager's absence.

- Increased adult and juvenile collections by 50%.
- Introduced McNaughton Plan for best sellers.
- Initiated grant proposals for purchase of CD-ROM index and periodical collections on microfilm.
- Secured over \$30,000 to implement an adult literacy integrated learning system.

Maricopa County Community College District - Adjunct Faculty Librarian - Fall 1987 - 1993. Provided reference services and bibliographic instruction to faculty and students. Held this position at four campuses, Phoenix Community College, South Mountain Community College, Chandler-Gilbert Community College and Glendale Community College. These positions were evening and weekend assignments with Librarian-in-charge responsibilities.

Glendale Public Library - Adult Services Reference Librarian - 1987 - 1989. Provided public reference and readers advisory services including instructing patrons in the use of reference tools, microform reader/printers, CD-ROM indexes and CLSI public access catalog. Reviewed bibliographic materials for book and AV selection and collection development. Member of grants committee proposing online reference services. Participated in development and implementation of user survey. Coordinated repair and maintenance of public services AV equipment and monitored supplies. Supervised paraprofessional and volunteer staff.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library - Media Services Librarian/Reference Librarian - 1985-1987. Coordinated the operation of the Media Services Department. Ensured the appropriate selection and organization of all audiovisual materials: 16mm films, video cassettes, records, audio cassettes and projection equipment. Monitored both media materials and supplies budgets of \$100,000. Coordinated the maintenance and repair of all equipment and software. Used a microcomputer to generate media catalogs, overdue notices and statistical data. Supervised three part-time employees and one page. Developed and presented media programs for the public. Assisted at the reference desk on a weekly basis. Participated in library policy and procedures advisory group.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library - Acting Children's Services Librarian - 1986-1987. Coordinated the activities of the Children's Services Department. Scheduled, supervised and evaluated three part-time employees and three pages. Monitored the non-materials section of the budget and purchased necessary supplies. Maintained lines of communication with other departments of the library.

Xavier University - Head of Lodge Learning Laboratory/ Reader Services Librarian - 1983-85. Managed a curriculum library/media center supporting teacher preparation and instruction. Ensured the appropriate selection, organization and use of Lodge Learning Laboratory print resources, software and equipment; planned and supervised the work of one full-time and one part-time employee. Coordinated the scheduling, training and work of graduate and undergraduate student aides. Assisted the Reader Services Department of the University Library with reference desk duties and online reference services. Library liaison to the Education Department.

Xavier University - Instructor, Department of Education - "Reference Service" - 1984-85. Taught a three-semester hour graduate course studying reference materials in various subjects and their applications in school library/media centers.

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland - Research Library Intern - Spring 1983. Received practical experience in reference, cataloging and ILL. Revised and updated the cataloging section of the procedures manual to include the use of OCLC.

Lakewood City School System - Media Specialist - 1981-1982. Responsibilities included coordinating two School Media Center programs and supervising two full-time media aides and parent volunteers; developing curriculum for library skills instruction for students in grades K-5; selecting, ordering and processing all new materials; and promoting library/media activities within the surrounding community.

Bowling Green City School District - District-wide Elementary Librarian - 1979-1981. Responsibilities included coordinating seven School Media Center programs and supervising over 100 volunteer staff members; selecting, ordering and processing all new acquisitions; and promoting library/media activities within the surrounding community.

Owens/Corning Fiberglass Corporation - Assistant Librarian, Corporate Business Library - 1980. Responsibilities included providing reference services, ordering and processing market research reports, product journals and periodicals. Special projects included summarizing market research reports for future online retrieval and cataloging new acquisitions.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Library Association: Public Library Association, Library Administration and Management Association, Reference and Adult Services Division 1983 to present; Arizona Library Association: Ex-Officio County Librarian, 1996-97; Legislative Committee Member, 1996-97; Chair, Regional Forum Conference, 1995-96; Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee, 1994-95 President of Public Library Division, 1994-95 Chair, Awards Committee, 1993-94 Ad Hoc Newsletter Advertising Committee; Chair, Annual Conference Program Committee, 1992-93; Chair, Collection Development & Acquisitions Roundtable, 1991-92; Arizona Department of Library Archives & Records: Library Public Awareness Committee, 1994 to present; Cooperative Collection Development Committee, 1991- 1993, AZNET Committee (OCLC/GAC) 1992-94; Economic Development Library Committee, 1992- , Economic Development Information Center Liaison, 1992- ; Central Arizona Library Cooperative: Board of Directors, Continuing Education Committee, 1992-97.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MANAGEMENT:

Hiring Practices and the Law - (February 1997) - Overview of the Family Medical Leave Act and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission laws in relation to hiring offered by the Pinal County Human Resources Department.

Behavioral Interviewing Techniques - (April 1997) - Training and application of behavior interviewing techniques for supervisors offered by Pinal County Human Resources Department.

Sexual Harassment Prevention - (September 1996) - Overview of recent laws governing sexual harassment in the workplace offered by Pinal County Human Resources Department.

Total Quality Management - (August 1993) - Training and application of TQM processes. Moderated by Consultant, George Keown.

Advanced Public Executive Program - (February 1992) - Attended seminar on Productivity Improvement in the Public Sector presented by Eileen Kelly Aranda. (December 1991) - Attended seminar on Our Dynamic Workforce presented by T. Zane Reeves. (February 1991) - Attended seminar on the Dynamics of Public Management: Enhancing Personal and Organizational Effect.

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People - (November 1990). Learned skills and techniques to help become more effective and successful in the workplace.

COMMUNICATION:

PR and Marketing Your Library - (May 1996) - Seminar on Telling the Library Story demonstrated techniques and strategies for marketing local libraries and their success stories. Information on fund raising was highlighted. Speaker: Jim Fleck.

City of Chandler Values Seminars - (June 1993) - Cultural Diversity: Where Solutions Are Not Black and White presented by Dr. Edwin Nichols. (April 1992) - Communication in the Workplace: Understanding and Improving Communication Between the Sexes presented by Joe Tanenbaum. (April 1991) - Together Everyone Accomplishes More presented by Patricia Fripp. (August 1990) - Peak Performers: Are You One? presented by Charles Garfield.

City of Chandler/Arizona Governmental Training Workshops - (November 1992) - Media Relations. (October 1992) - Sexual Harassment Prevention. (September 1992) - Ethics and Ethical Decision-Making. (April 1992) - Understanding and Preparing for the Americans With Disabilities Act. (April 1991) - Customer Service. (November 1990) - Communicating Successfully.

Arizona Department of Libraries, Archives and Public Records - (July 1992) - Working with the Media presented by KUR Communications.

TECHNOLOGY:

Online Library System Project - (August 1996 - April 1997) - Library District developed and issued a Request for Proposal for a districtwide online library system solution. Contract negotiations are under way. Installation of a wide area network to include 14 library sites is scheduled for Summer 1997 with software migration planned for early Fall 1997.

Maximizing Your E-Rate Teleconference - (June 1997) - Hosted this PBS teleconference on the Universal Service discounted telecommunication rates for schools and libraries.

Novell Groupwise Seminar - (March 1997) - Management Information Systems Department of Pinal County introduced Groupwise as a Novell Network solution for communication. Library District is currently testing along with a few other departments.

Microsoft Windows NT and Windows 97 Training Seminar - (October 1996) - Tucson, AZ. Attended an informational seminar hosted by Microsoft to introduce Windows 97 and Windows NT software.

Internet Update - (May 1995) - The State Department of Library, Archives and Public Records provides regular training on the Internet and its use in reference services. In addition, new enhancements are reviewed. Library District began using DLAPR for Internet access.

Arizona Information Network: Information, Telecommunication & Libraries - (October 1994) - Phoenix, AZ. Instrumental as a CALC and AzLA Board member in bringing together librarians from all types of libraries to draft a position paper supporting the use of libraries statewide as an integral part of the future Arizona Information Network.

Public Library Association Chicago Cluster - Chicago, (March 1993) - The NREN and Public Library Roles: Why Public Libraries Should Join the Networked Information Pipeline. Two-day conference on Internet.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT:

Arizona Library Association Planning Forum - (May 1997) - AzLA held its annual planning to build upon the Association's long range plan. Goals and action items were set for the coming year.

Western Governors University/Project EAGLE Seminar - (April 1997) - Overview of WGU and Project EAGLE and review of white paper developed by a team of librarians (of which I was a participant). Request for Proposal for development of this statewide network will follow (see below).

Arizona Learning System/Project EAGLE Seminar - (February 1997) - County Librarians met with members of the ALS Task Force to learn more about Project EAGLE (Education and Government Linking Electronically). Legislative appropriations in 1996 and 1997 have allowed this community college based group to move forward with planning to connect K-12 schools to community colleges and the Internet. Public Libraries will join this effort in lobbying for reduced telecommunication rates.

Arizona Library Association Annual Conference - (December 1996) - Ex-Officio/County Librarians. Attended programs on managing changing technology, Phoenix at Your Fingertips, a successful NTIA/TIIAP grant, joint public/school libraries, and Internet Acceptable Use Policies and their place in public libraries.

ALA Intellectual Freedom Workshop - (September 1996) - Reno, NV. Participated in regional intellectual freedom workshop hosted by the American Library Association and five state library associations. Judith Krug facilitated lively discussions on the legal and social issues of IF. As one of only 10 representatives from Arizona, became a trainer for local workshops.

Arizona Library Association Regional Forum - (August 1996) - Chair, Regional Forum. Planned, organized and hosted Regional Forum at the Biosphere in Oracle, AZ with a conference theme of the Statewide PR Campaign and How it Works Locally.

Arizona Association of Counties - (June/November 1996) - Attended meetings of AACo with other elected officials of Pinal County. Legislation and other issues affecting County government were discussed. Arizona Association of County Librarians conducted a business meeting.

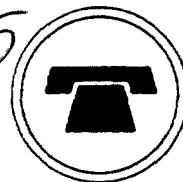
Public Library Association Sixth National Conference - (March 1996) - Portland, OR. Attended programs on library management, marketing and fundraising and censorship issues confronting libraries. Met with numerous online library system vendors in anticipation of release of RFP for Library District.

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August 12, 1997

Mr. Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Rocky Mountain Telecommunications Association, which has represented for 50 years, the providers of telephone service in the seven Rocky Mountain states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Montana, and Wyoming; is pleased to nominate Mr. Gerry Anderson, General Manager for Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Circle, Montana to serve on the Universal Services Administrative Committee (USAC).

Gerry Anderson is extremely qualified and has a vast array of past experience in various positions, committees, and boards. Mr. Anderson has served on the Board of our Association (RMTA), the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA), and a huge number of others. He is very knowledgeable of this industry and how it interacts.

We would be more than happy to supply more detail on Mr. Anderson's qualifications or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Neal Thompson
Executive Vice President

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of the 15,000 members of the American Association of School Administrators, I wish to forward a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Brian Talbott for the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors.

Dr. Talbott is well qualified for this prestigious appointment. His 21-year membership has been highlighted by numerous appointments and volunteer opportunities within AASA. As a volunteer on the AASA Legislative Corps, he is called upon to advocate for federal education and children's issues on a weekly basis. He is also a member of the Washington State Association of School Administrators and has received numerous leadership awards from them.

Dr. Talbott was recently hired as the Executive Director of the American Association of Educational Service Agencies (AAESA). This professional organization advocates for consortium building with numerous school districts at the local, state and federal levels. These entities will play a vital role in the implementation of the "E-rate" discounts throughout America. His current position as Superintendent and General Manager of Educational Service District 101 in Spokane, Washington serves 59 public school districts and 54 private schools and their respective governing boards. This demonstrates a strong testament for his ability to work with public and non-public school districts and their boards to build upon a common theme for the betterment of all students.

His experience on boards (such as the local public television station, United Way and many education related boards) in elected and appointed positions, speaks well of his abilities to lead, build consensus amongst a board, and persuade its members for the betterment of the organization. He is well published, respected by his peers, and has demonstrated his talents and skills in the education field throughout the nation.